

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently amended) A method, comprising:
accessing an electronic application on a handheld device to determine a scheduled time and location of an upcoming event;
determining an intermediate amount of travel time using a distance between said location of the upcoming event and a current location of the handheld device;
determining factors which affect travel time to said event other than said distance and a speed of the handheld device;
using said factors to modify the intermediate amount of travel time, thereby producing a final amount of travel time for a user to timely arrive at the upcoming event; and
~~determining factors affecting travel time to said event;~~
~~using said factors, determining an amount of travel time for a user to timely arrive at the upcoming event; and~~
providing an alert to the user at a time that precedes the upcoming event by at least the final amount of travel time.
2. (Original) The method of claim 1, further comprising accessing a network to determine said factors.
3. (Currently amended) The method of claim 1, further comprising accessing GPS to determine a said current location ~~for~~ of the handheld device.
4. (Canceled).

5. (Currently amended) The method of claim 1, wherein using said factors comprises using at least one factor selected from the group consisting of weather conditions, ~~deviations from scheduled airline flight times~~, low automobile fuel levels, and lack of user familiarity with a travel route.

6. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein providing an alert comprises providing a visual alert.

7. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein providing an alert comprises providing an audible alert.

8. (Currently amended) The method of claim 1, further comprising storing ~~a~~the current location of the handheld device in a memory.

9. (Original) The method of claim 1, further comprising electronically communicating with at least one individual at the location of the upcoming event without user intervention.

10. (Original) The method of claim 9, wherein electronically communicating comprises sending electronic mail, a voice message or a text message.

11. (Original) The method of claim 1, further comprising electronically communicating with at least one individual at the location of the upcoming event upon user authorization.

12. (Previously presented) The method of claim 1, further comprising determining a location for the handheld device at programmable intervals, said intervals determined in accordance with a speed associated with the handheld device.

13. (Currently amended) A mobile communication device, comprising:
a processor;
a display coupled to the processor;

a wireless module coupled to the processor; and
a memory coupled to the processor, said memory comprising an electronic application and processor-executable code, said processor-executable code causes the processor to:

determine an intermediate amount of travel time using a distance between a location of an upcoming event and a current location of the mobile communication device;
using said wireless module, determine factors other than said distance and a speed of the handheld device which affect travel time to said event;
and
using said factors, modify the intermediate amount of travel time, thereby producing a final amount of travel time for a user to timely arrive at the upcoming event;

wherein either the electronic application or the processor-executable code causes the processor to provide an alert on the display at a time that precedes the upcoming event by at least the final amount of travel time.

14. (Canceled).

15. (Original) The device of claim 13, wherein the processor-executable code causes the processor to access a network to obtain said factors.

16. (Currently amended) The device of claim 13, wherein said factors comprise at least one factor selected from a group consisting of weather data, the user's walking speed and a fuel level of the user's automobile. ~~and changes in scheduled airline flight times.~~

17. (Currently amended) The device of claim 13, wherein the processor-executable code causes the processor to store the current user-location of the mobile communication device in the memory.

18. (Original) The device of claim 13, wherein the processor-executable code causes the processor to send a signal to at least one individual pertaining to the upcoming event without user intervention.

19. (Original) The device of claim 13, wherein the processor-executable code causes the processor to send a signal to at least one individual pertaining to the upcoming event upon user authorization.

20. (Currently amended) The device of claim 13, wherein the processor determines the current user-location of the mobile communication device at programmable intervals, said intervals determined in accordance with a speed associated with said mobile device.

21. (Original) The device of claim 13, wherein the wireless module comprises a GPS receiver.

22. (Original) The device of claim 13, wherein the wireless module comprises triangulation capability.

23. (Currently amended) A system, comprising:
a means for determining a current physical location of a portable device;
a means for storing an adjustable user schedule;
a means for accessing the user schedule, for determining a travel time from the current physical location to a location of a scheduled event in the user schedule, and for adjusting said travel time based on travel factors to produce an adjusted travel time; and
a means for providing an alert to a user of the portable device, said alert provided at a time that precedes the scheduled event by at least the adjusted travel time;

wherein said factors are selected from the group consisting of a user walking speed, a fuel level of the user's automobile and a weather forecast.

24. (Canceled).

25. (Original) The system of claim 23, wherein the means for determining a physical location of a portable device comprises a wireless access point.

26. (Original) The system of claim 23, wherein the means for network access comprises a General Packet Radio Service.

27. (Original) The system of claim 23, wherein the means for storing comprises a server.

28. (Previously presented) The system of claim 23, further comprising means for determining the current location of the portable device at programmable intervals, said intervals determined in accordance with a speed associated with the portable device.